REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's allowance of claims 7-9 is appreciatively noted.

The rejection of other pending claims 10-15 as allegedly made "obvious" based on Sakata '555 in view of Hill et al. or based on Sakata/Hill in further view of Kitamura are respectfully traversed. However, since these grounds of rejection have now been mooted by cancellation of such claims above (without prejudice or disclaimer), it is not believed necessary at this time to provide detailed reasons for such traversal.

Accordingly, this entire application is now believed to be in allowable condition and a formal Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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